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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 November 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-10,12-25 and 27-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4-10, 12-25 and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 2, 4 – 6, 9 – 10, 12 – 14, 17 – 19, 22 – 23, 25, 27 - 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the well-known butt-in or barge-in service and/or in the alternative U.S. Patent No. 6,208,726 (Bansal et al.).

With respect to claim 1, 4 – 5, 9, 12 – 13, 17 – 19, 22 – 23 and 27 - 29 the claimed limitations read on the well-known service of butt-in or barge-in or breakthrough. That is, a call is going on between two parties and a third party requests a butt-in or barge-in or breakthrough service or feature to be temporarily provisioned for the duration of the call; such a feature not being previously provisioned to the called party by an exchange carrier. Note that such a feature is deactivated at the end of the call. In addition, butt-in or barge-in or breakthrough service or feature can be

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reallocated at the completion of the call. For example, Basal et al show a typical butt-in or barge-in or breakthrough service. See Abstract and Col. 2, lines 1 – 32.

With respect to claim 2, 10 note use of 85.

With respect to claims 6 and 14, 19 it appears that such would be inherent.

With respect to claim 25, such would be inherent.

With respect to claim 28, note Figs 1 and 3.

With respect to claim 29, note use of ANI (Abstract).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7 – 8, 15 – 16 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bansal et al. in view of U.S. Patent No.2003/0045267 (Koponen) or in the alternative U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0023523 (McKibben et al).

With respect to claims 7 – 8 and 15 – 16, Bansal et al. teach the claimed limitations as shown above except for explicitly teach a list of particular services. However, note that Koponen teaches such in Fig. 1. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated such a list of offered features as taught by Koponen into the Bansal et al. system as such would only entail a well-known added value means of offering more services.

With respect to McKibben et al., note Paragraph 0023 and claims 6 – 9. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have incorporated the user profile of services as taught by McKibben et al. into the Bansal et al. system in order that one might know which services he has to choose from.

With respect to claims 20 - 21, 24 the use of a bus would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Response to Arguments


Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

However, it should be noted that the well-known services such as barge-in or butt-in or breakthrough do not require a subscription or code. In addition, the fact that Bansal et al. requires a subscription and a code is immaterial. The instant claims, as written, would read on such a service whether such a service required a subscription or not. That is, the claims do not negatively recite a service "without requiring a service subscription or code" or the like.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bill Deane whose telephone number is (571) 272-7484. In addition, facsimile transmissions should be directed to Bill Deane at facsimile number (571) 273-8300.

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